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1. At a meeting between provincial chairman Franz Haider of the Linz Communist Party headquarters and editor in chief Richard Schueller of Neue Zeit, Linz-Urfahr, in early May 1950, the condition of the Tyrolian branch of the Communist Party of Austria was described as hopeless. Titoist influence is so pronounced in the Tyrol that several key members of the Tyrolean headquarters of the Communist Party flatly refused to attend a recent meeting of the Central Committee in Vienna. Recent changes within the Tyrolian party branch made a very unfavorable impression on the generally conservative membership in that area.
2. The condition of the Vorarlberg branch of the Communist Party was described as being almost as depressing as that of the Tyrolian branch. The Central Committee therefore resolved to shift its main effort to party work in Vienna, where membership and party activity are increasing.

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